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BULLETIN NO. 027-10 CHILD NUTRITION SERVICES

TO: Educational Service District Superintendents
School District Superintendents
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School Food Service Supervisors
Child and Adult Care Food Program Institutions
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FROM: Randy I. Dorn, State Superintendent of Public Instruction

RE: Waiver of Eligibility for Early Childhood Education and Assistance Program

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The Western Regional Office of the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) has extended the automatic eligibility of participants in Washington State's Early Childhood Education and Assistance Program (ECEAP) for a one-year period. The waiver not only covers children participating in child care centers that claim meals under the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) but also those children participating in centers that claim meals under the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) and the School Breakfast Program (SBP).

This approved waiver is effective July 1, 2010, for one year.

Automatic Eligibility for ECEAP Participants

Institutions that feed and claim children enrolled in ECEAP are not required to collect income applications. Children enrolled in ECEAP are automatically eligible for free meal benefits without further application or eligibility determination. Automatic eligibility does not extend to siblings. Conditions for automatic eligibility are:

1. The child must be enrolled as a participant in ECEAP under the Washington State Early Childhood Education and Assistance Act.

2. ECEAP uses income-eligibility criteria which are identical to, or more stringent than, the Federal Head Start Program and counts income in the same manner as the Federal Head Start Program.
3. Income determinations for the state-funded program do not exceed twelve months in length.

ECEAP children determined to be automatically eligible for free meal benefits should be excluded from verification; however, the local education agency (LEA) or the child care center should have documentation (i.e., a list on file from the ECEAP grantee of children enrolled as participants in ECEAP).

If you have questions regarding this bulletin, please contact Adele Roberts, Child and Adult Care Food Program Supervisor, or Donna Parsons, National School Lunch Program/School Breakfast Program Supervisor, at 360-725-6200.

The agency TTY number is 360-664-3631. This information is also available at www.k12.wa.us/bulletinsmemos/ on the agency Web site.

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